THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Flood Management Works including erosion control works is a State subject and are executed by the States as per the priorities fixed by the State out of their own Plan Funds allocated by the Planning Commission. Central Government, as per existing procedure, provides technical advice and conducts appraisal of schemes when referred by the States for their clearance. So far, no scheme for control of erosion at the banks of river Ganga in Bhojpur & Buxar districts of Bihar have been referred by the Government of Bihar for Clearance.

Irrigation Projects in Orissa

784. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the different World Bank-aided irrigation projects in Orissa;

(b) the estimated cost of those projects and the amount sanctioned by World Bank for those projects so far; and

(c) the details of progress of each project as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) There is only one World Bank aided irrigation project in Orissa namely, Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project.

(b) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1349.20 crores and the World Bank has approved an amount of US$ 290 million for the above project.

(c) The project is under implementation since January, 1996 and expenditure incurred is Rs. 638.57 crores and disbursement received from the World Bank is US$ 108.73 million upto September, 1999.

Completion of Thonbal Project in Manipur

785. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for construction of Thonbal multi-purpose project in Manipur;